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Urban District Council



The
Annual Report
of
The Medical Officer of Health
for
the Year 1969

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EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1969

To The Chairman and Members of the East Grinstead Urban District Council.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1969.

The Report is prepared as indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No.1/70, dated 1st January, 1970.

The Crude Death Rate is 13.1 as compared with 13.8 for 1968.

The Standardised Death Rate is 9.43 compared with 11.9 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a 'comparability factor' making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 13.69 compared with 14.48 for the previous year.

The Birth Rate is 16.7 compared with 15.5 in 1968.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 16.86 compared with 16.3 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from Enteritis and none from maternal causes.

Four cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

Slum Clearance

1.	Number of houses declared unfit	3
	(a) Number dealt with under Section 16 Housing Act 1957 (individual unfit houses)	3
	(b) Number dealt with under Section 42 Housing Act 1957 (Clearance Area)... ..	-
2.	Houses in (1) subsequently made fit by their owners	-
3.	Houses previously declared unfit made fit by their owners	3
4.	Number of families rehoused from unfit houses	7
5.	Number of families waiting to be rehoused including 4 from houses previously declared unfit	7

The following information is given by Mrs O.W.Wren,
Housing Manager:-

During the year no additional Council houses or flats
were built but 8 garages were completed at Ashurst Wood.
Council properties now comprise:-

Bed/sitting room	Flats	68
One bedroomed.....	Flats	102
	Bungalows	9
Two bedroomed.....	Flats	98
	Bungalows	26
	Maisonettes	8
	Houses	155
Three bedroomed.....	Flats	4
	Maisonettes	30
	Houses	510
Four bedroomed.....	Houses	19
Garages		347
Shops		5

MANAGEMENT

(a) Council's Housing Waiting List

At the end of the year 320 applicants remained on the list who required 160 one/two unit flats, 111 two-bedroomed and 49 three/four bedroomed accommodation. 92 new applicants were received on to the list during the year.

Lettings totalled 57 and, of these, 8 families were rehoused from unfit properties. At the end of the year, the number of Council tenants awaiting transfers from one type of accommodation to another, totalled 120 and during the year 30 transfers were effected.

(b) Visiting

During the year the following were carried out:-

Visits to new tenants	145
Routine inspections of Council houses	580
Enquiries regarding lodgers	74
Visits to new applicants on Waiting List..	130
Re-visits to applicants on Waiting List...	80
Visits in connection with transfers and exchanges	78
Visits regarding Slum Clearance	24
Visits in connection with special problems	270
Enquiries regarding garage lettings	52
Interviews in the office	1450

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The Council's direct labour force is responsible for all maintenance of Council properties and the following work was carried out;-

Maintenance Repairs	1422
Internal Decoration	38
External Decoration	169

During the year improvements were carried out to 47 houses on the Brooklands Estate, which included providing new baths, new plastering and flooring and making internal access to W.C.'s. 18 houses in Northdown Terrace were improved by the provision of porches, central heating and enlarged kitchens.

Although the Council's scheme for carrying out internal decorations has now been terminated, it has been possible to carry out work for a number of elderly tenants with the aid of financial assistance from the Department of Health and Social Security. Other tenants have arranged for decorations to be carried out by the Council's direct labour during the winter months on a rechargeable basis.

WELFARE

The Co-Ordinating Committee for the Welfare of the Aged continued their many activities.

The Visiting Service has been in great demand and the number of requests for help has increased considerably. 36 people are receiving help, i.e. visits, shopping, gardening, collection of pensions etc. This is in addition to work carried out by the W.R.V.S., Red Cross, British Legion and many other organisations who help elderly people.

There are 22 voluntary workers including pupils of the Community Service section of the Grammar and Imberhorne Schools.

The Greenstede Club was re-opened during the year and is being ably run by the W.R.V.S. The Club is open on alternate Tuesday afternoons at St. Leonard's House and provides social and educational meetings, also outings of various kinds.

The Rotary Club continue to run the workshop at St. Leonard's House. This is very popular and caters for 16 people daily.

The Committee is now going ahead with plans for a Day Club and plans are already being drafted by architects and should be ready next year.

In conjunction with the Co-Ordinating Committee for the Welfare of the Aged, the Voluntary Laundry continued very successfully under the organisation of Mrs G.Taylor. Household washing was carried out for 29 homes where elderly people were without the assistance of friends or relatives. During the year there were 29 voluntary helpers although this number was reduced to 25 by the end of the year because some loyal helpers reached the age when they felt able to do less in the service of others. Additional helpers are urgently required. The East Grinstead Rotary club serves the Laundry on a rota system.

At Christmas 420 homes were provided with extra comforts including coal, groceries, sweets, tobacco and clothing, through the local Rotary, Sorooptimists, Youth Clubs, W.R.V.S. etc.

During the year 20 elderly people were again sent on a most enjoyable holiday to Eastbourne by the Rotary Club and East Grinstead Round Table, who organised a successful fund-raising Donkey Derby. Through the Red Cross, the Sunshine Club and St. Leonard's House, 260 retired people were able to enjoy outings to the seaside, country and/or to the theatre.

The Meals on Wheels and Luncheon Club served 5,977 lunches which are subsidised by the Council, and, as before, a special Christmas Dinner was provided to regular clientele. These meals are cooked by members of the W.R.V.S. in the kitchen attached to St. Leonard's House and, in the case of Meals on Wheels, are delivered in private cars to individual houses. The Luncheon Club is enjoyed by all who attend as it provides a social occasion as well as an incentive to go for a walk in the town.

The W.R.V.S. is also responsible for issuing welfare foods at No.18 Station Road, and during the year, the following were issued by members:-

Tins of dried milk.....	1,536
Issues of vitamin tablets	571
Bottles of cod-liver oil.	260
Bottles of orange juice..	5,847

Clothing was issued from the centre to 101 clients and furniture supplied to 11 families. Unfortunately, it has been necessary for the W.R.V.S. Headquarters at Lewes to withdraw the delivery van from our local centre and this action has considerably reduced the help which was previously given to families in great need of furniture but whose income precluded the purchase without resorting to heavy hire purchase commitments.

The W.R.V.S. have undertaken special training of people willing to make themselves available in emergencies such as train or aircraft crashes which could demand resources in first aid, provision of meals etc. During the year 25 people completed their training and all the necessary organisation was carried out to make it possible to provide 1,000 meals immediately in the event of an emergency occurring.

THE CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

The Bureau has now been in operation for twenty-nine years and the main work of giving information and advice has been steadily increasing.

The number of enquiries during the year totalled 3,800 and these were handled by Mrs Beryl Brown, the Organizer, and her assistant, Mrs Shorney, and nine voluntary part-time helpers. All undergo a period of training before dealing with the problems which include those related to legal aid, consumer problems, differences with landlord, tenant or neighbour, and many enquiries from elderly people. During the year 467 elderly citizens asked for help and advice.

The Bureau continued to operate a Chiropody Service for those over the ages of 60 (women) and 65 (men) and 131 men and women were referred for treatment during the year. Transport was arranged where necessary, through members of the Co-Ordinating Committee for the Welfare of the Aged and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The Bureau is non-political and close contact is maintained with Statutory and Voluntary Bodies in the Town and County, and enquiries are referred to the appropriate specialist in any field of legal, social or political work.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

East Grinstead Marriage Guidance Council, together with branches at Crawley and Horsham, form the North Sussex Marriage Guidance Council. It offers a confidential counselling service to those seeking help for marriage and family problems. Clients are seen by appointment only, at a room in Westminster Bank Chambers, London Road. In 1969 two Counsellors gave a total of 164 one hour interviews, and the demand for the service continues to increase.

The Council also offers an Education Service, not so widely known perhaps, which can be carried out in Schools, Youth Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, Nurses-in-Training and other like groups. A number of talks on the 'Work of Marriage Guidance' have been given to W.I. Groups, Young Wives, the National Council of Women, and other organisations. A small local Committee with representation on the North Sussex Executive Committee, is concerned with such matters as the premises, publicity, fund raising and providing receptionists for the Counsellors. Marriage Guidance is a voluntary organisation and registered charity, dependent on grants by Local Councils, organisations and private donations.

SOCIAL WELFARE LUNCH TIME SESSIONS

With the object of fostering friendly acquaintance, and the interchange of information among those engaged in Social Welfare work, the East Grinstead Urban District Council sponsors a regular monthly meeting at East Court.

Invitations are sent to professional and voluntary workers, Doctors, Nurses, Clergymen and Head Teachers, who respond well.

The meetings have been held regularly on the first Friday of the month, and have been well attended. Each organisation represented has produced an excellent display of its activities and these have been of great value to everyone present, promoting a better understanding of the services available.

Representatives of the following have attended:-

Local Clergy.
British Red Cross (Sunshine Club)
Child Guidance.
Citizens' Advice Bureau.
East Grinstead Association for the Disabled.
East Grinstead Mental Health Association.
East Grinstead U.D.C. Councillors.
East Grinstead U.D.C. Housing Department.
East Grinstead U.D.C. Public Health Dept.
East Sussex C.C. Children's Department.
Education Department.
Mental Health Department.
Welfare Department.
East Sussex Nursing Association (Health Visitors,
Midwives and District Nurses).
East Sussex Association for the Blind.
Family Planning Association.
General Practitioners.
Marriage Guidance Council.
Medical Social Service.
Moral Welfare.
Multiple Sclerosis Society.
N.S.P.C.C.
Co-ordinating Committee for the Welfare of the Aged.
Probation Service.
S.A.A.F.A.
W.R.V.S.
Queen Victoria Hospital

JOHN PETRIE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	6,600 acres
Registrar General's Estimated Population	17,490
Density of population per acre	2.65
Rateable Value (at 1.4.69)	£981,549
Sum represented by a 1d rate (1969/70)	£4,005
Birth rate per 1000 population	16.7
Standardised Birth Rate	16.86
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population	13.1
Standardised Death Rate	9.43
Infantile Mortality Rate	13.69
Number of Inhabited Dwellings (at 1.4.69)	5,908

BIRTHS

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Live Births</u>	- Legitimate	161	117	278
	Illegitimate	6	8	14
<u>Total Live Births</u>		167	125	292
Birth Rate per 1000 population	...	16.7		
Comparability Factor	...	1.01		
Standardised Birth Rate	...	16.86		

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Still Births</u>	- Legitimate	1	-	1
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Total Still Births</u>		1	-	1

Rate per 1000 of the Total Births .. 3.42

DEATHS

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
		101	128	229
Crude Rate per 1000 population	...	13.1		
Comparability Factor72		
Standardised Death Rate	...	9.43		

INFANTILE MORTALITY

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of Infants under the age of 1 week		4	-	4
Deaths of Infants under the age of 4 weeks		4	-	4
Deaths of Infants under the age of 1 year		4	-	4
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	...	13.69		
Illegitimate Live Births	4.79% of total live births			
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 Live Births)	...	13.69		

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

	Male	Female
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	4	-
Leukaemia	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	7	5
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-
Avitaminoses, etc.	1	-
Mental Disorders	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	1	-
Hypertensive Disease	1	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	24	26
Other Forms of Heart Disease	7	8
Cerebrovascular Disease	16	26
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	10
Pneumonia	7	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	4
Peptic Ulcer	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	2	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	3	11
All other accidents	1	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	2
TOTAL	101	128

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

	Male	Female	Total
Under 4 weeks	4	-	4
4 weeks and under 1 year	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 -14 "	-	-	-
15 -24 "	-	-	-
25 -34 "	1	-	1
35 -44 "	1	-	1
45 -54 "	5	7	12
55 -64 "	12	8	20
65 -74 "	26	21	47
75 and over	52	92	144

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1954 - 1969

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M	F	Total		M	F	total		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total										
1954	11,820	77	71	148	3	4	7	13.11	69	86	155	13.11	4	-	4	25.81	-
1955	12,220	60	80	140	3	-	3	11.7	77	86	163	13.34	3	-	3	20.98	-20
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	-14
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14
1958	13,390	118	89	207	4	5	9	15.48	95	97	192	13.76	-	-	-	-	24
1959	14,370	135	106	241	3	2	5	16.42	89	104	193	13.43	2	1	3	12.2	53
1960	14,900	132	113	245	3	6	9	17.05	86	103	189	12.68	3	-	3	11.81	65
1961	15,540	125	118	241	5	2	7	15.9	97	96	193	12.42	2	2	4	16.1	55
1962	15,860	122	114	236	2	5	7	15.51	101	134	235	14.81	1	2	3	12.34	8
1963	15,930	136	144	280	11	4	15	18.52	107	144	251	15.76	1	5	6	20.34	44
1964	16,390	145	121	266	12	8	20	17.45	89	114	203	12.39	4	2	6	20.98	83
1965	16,610	155	131	286	13	5	18	18.3	105	121	226	13.6	3	1	4	13.15	78
1966	17,020	149	131	280	5	8	13	17.21	92	104	196	11.51	2	-	2	6.08	97
1967	17,110	148	136	284	9	9	18	17.06	105	105	210	12.27	-	3	3	9.93	92
1968	17,340	131	119	250	8	11	19	15.5	134	106	240	13.8	6	3	9	14.48	29
1969	17,490	161	117	278	6	8	14	16.7	101	128	229	13.1	4	-	4	13.69	63

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year 1969:-

Disease	Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Measles	6	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	2	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	4	-	-
Dysentery	38	-	-
Scabies	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Age Groups									Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 & over	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	6
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
Dysentery	1	-	1	5	-	23	1	1	6	38
Scabies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the years 1954-1969

Year	<u>NEW CASES</u>					<u>DEATHS</u>				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
1954	3	3	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	1
1955	2	4	1	1	8	1	-	-	-	1
1956	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
1957	6	5	-	2	13	3	-	1	1	5
1958	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
1959	3	1	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	1
1960	2	1	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
1962	1	2	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1963	1	3	-	1	5	2	-	-	-	2
1964	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	1
1965	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	1
1966	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	1
1967	1	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
1968	3	1	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	1
1969	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1969

	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH,
TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS

VACCINATION OF PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE:

DIPHTHERIA

In the East Grinstead area, 226 had completed a full course of Primary Immunisation, and 342 had received a Secondary (reinforcing) injection by the end of the year.

WHOOPING COUGH

The number of children who had completed a Primary Course (normally three injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the East Grinstead area was 212, and 205 received a reinforcing dose.

TETANUS

The number of children who had completed a Primary Course (normally three injections) of vaccine (singly or in combination) in the East Grinstead area was 230, and 360 received a reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS

In the East Grinstead area, 242 children under 16 years received primary course of Poliomyelitis vaccine (three doses), and 164 had reinforcing fourth doses.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION - NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED

(OR REVACCINATED DURING THE YEAR)

Age at date of Vaccination.	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 - 4 yrs.	5-15 yrs.	Total
Number Vaccinated	11	96	55	11	173
Number Revaccinated	-	-	13	77	90

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

During the year 379 International Certificates of Vaccination against Smallpox and Cholera were authenticated by the Health Department. A further 132 were authenticated at Queen Victoria Hospital.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year 1969
 - (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects 93
 - (b) Number of inspections and re-inspections. . .849
 - (c) Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 3
 - (d) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 33
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 3
3. Unfit Houses
 - (a) Number of Demolition Orders made 3
 - (b) Number of Closing Orders made -
 - (c) Number of Undertakings accepted -
4. Housing Act 1957 Part IV - OVERCROWDING

No new cases of overcrowding were received during the year.
5. Number of new houses erected during the year 1969
 - (a) State aided:-

By local authority nil

By private enterprise
(Public Utility Societies etc.). . . nil
 - (b) Without State aid 195
6. Rent Act 1957 as amended

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the 12 months under review.

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

32 houses were known to be in multiple occupation controlling 253 individuals.

During the year another three dwelling-houses were found to be so occupied and 'Directions' made. In 1968 the Council made 31 'Directions' controlling 237 persons. Two of these 'Directions' have since been cancelled.

The previous definition of a house in multiple occupation i.e. a house which, or a part of which, is let in lodgings or which is occupied by members of more than one family - has been amended by the Housing Act 1969 to read "a house which, or a part of which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household".

A "Direction" is an order made by the Council which limits the number of individuals who should occupy a house in multiple occupation.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The much publicised provisions of the Housing Act 1969 can now be summarised as follows:-

In addition to the provision of standard amenities to dwellinghouses, to extend the useful habitable life of structurally sound but aged and dilapidated properties and thus prevent them from sliding further into slum clearance buildings, certain structural repairs are now eligible for grant aid.

The Act requires that a dwelling must, where practicable, conform to the following 12-point standard:-

1. Be in a good state of repair and substantially free from damp.
2. Have each room properly lighted and ventilated.
3. Have an adequate supply of wholesome water laid on inside the dwelling.
4. Be provided with efficient and adequate means of supplying hot water for domestic purposes.
5. Have an internal water closet if practicable; otherwise a readily accessible outside water-closet.
6. Have a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom.
7. Be provided with a sink and with suitable arrangements for the disposal of waste water.
8. Have a proper drainage system.
9. Be provided in each room with adequate points for gas or electric lighting (where reasonably available)
10. Be provided with adequate facilities for heating.
11. Have satisfactory facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food.
12. Have proper provision for the storage of fuel (where required).

The statute has made three types of grant available:-

- | | | |
|-----|--------------------------|---|
| (a) | <u>IMPROVEMENT GRANT</u> | - Maximum usually £1,000 (£1,200 in special circumstances). |
| (b) | <u>STANDARD GRANT</u> | - Maximum usually £200 (£450 in special circumstances). |
| (c) | <u>SPECIAL GRANT</u> | - Maximum £200 |

The Act also provides for the decontrol of houses provided with standard amenities.

The grant for essential repairs cannot, in any circumstances, exceed the amount of grant aid for the improvements.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

(Previously known as Discretionary Grants)

	The Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Part II, and the Housing Act 1969.		
	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Enquiries made	6	25	26
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-
Applications not approved by Council	-	2	-
Applications approved and not proceeded with	-	1	9
Applications approved and proceeded with	6	16	15
Completed by 31.12.69	1	9	7
Total of grants approved and proceeded with	£2843.14.7	£7465.17.7	£4976.18.3
Approved previously and completed in 1969	-	7	6

CONVERSION

One application for an improvement grant was received to convert a dwelling-house into two self-contained flats. The application was approved by the Council and the total of the grant amounted to £1,645. 0. 0d.

STANDARD GRANTS

	The House Purchase and Housing Act 1959, Part II, and the Housing Act 1969		
	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted
Enquiries made	3	10	6
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-
Applications not approved by Council	-	-	-
Applications approved and not proceeded with	-	1	-
Applications approved and proceeded with	3	5	1
Completed by 31.12.69	1	3	-
Total of grants approved and proceeded with	£435.15.9d	£664.0.0d	£155.0.0d
Approved previously and completed in 1969	-	2	2

SANITARY SUPERVISION

<u>1968</u>	<u>Housing Inspections</u>	<u>1969</u>
939	Inspections made under Housing Acts	687
176	Inspections made under Public Health Acts	36
108	Housing Act: Improvement Grants	162
	Certificates of Disrepair	-
	<u>Other Inspections</u>	
182	Meat Shops and Slaughterhouses	205
31	Fish Shops	5
7	Bakehouses	-
333	Other Food Premises	559
43	Public Houses and Hotels	4
-	Clubs	-
388	Public Health Acts	315
129	Petroleum Acts	114
55	Factory Acts (not included in other totals)	135
1098	Infectious Diseases	1898
21	Water Supplies	18
114	Clean Air Act	162
2172	Inspections made under Pest Destruction Acts	1803
254	Other Miscellaneous Inspections	789
141	Complaints	166

Compulsory Improvements of Dwellings

Voluntary methods of persuasion have been so successful that recourse to these sections was not necessary.

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. A few houses on the Northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board. Placelands deep bore-hole is also available as an additional booster for summer supplies.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to dechlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Analytical Laboratory, Lewes, by the Mid-Sussex Water Company for chemical and bacteriological examination. The water is consistently of excellent organic quality and safe for drinking purposes.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 5,945 dwelling-houses have a piped water supply.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 934 visits were made to food premises and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:-

TINNED:

Meat	7 tins
Fruit	87 "
Vegetables.	57 "
Soup	3 "

MUTTON:

127 $\frac{1}{2}$ Livers	Fluke
23 Livers	Fluke & Necrosis
11 Livers	Necrosis
7 Heads	Tuberculosis
1 Head	Abscessed

PORK:

59 Livers	Milk Spot
1 Liver	Necrosis
1 Liver	Ascaris
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ Heads	Tuberculosis
4 Hindquarters	Abscessed
10lbs Forequarter	Arthritis
11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Hindquarter	Arthritis

OTHER:

56lbs 9oz. lamb & mutton	Decomposing
15lbs leg of pork	Abscessed
24 chickens	Decomposing
4 pkts. cereals	Damaged
1 pkt. potato crisps	"
1 pkt. Ritz crackers	"
7 lbs Cornflakes	Infested with silverfish
47 x 56lbs potatoes	Sprouting and mouldy
2 boxes apples	Contaminated by mice
487 pkts. frozen foods (various)	Decomposing
154 lbs fish fillets	Burnt by fire at premises

Food contaminated by fire:-

8 steak and kidney pies
8 chicken portions
2 apple pies, family size
21 lbs butter
28 lbs cooking fat
140 lbs cooking fat in fryer
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs bacon
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs cooked ham

3 x 6lbs Armour Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6lbs Armour Processed Peas
 28lbs Cube sugar
 70lbs Flour
 510lbs peeled potatoes
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs Lyons instant coffee
 7lbs Golden raising powder
 1 x 80 Gherkins in brine

Food defrozen due to electricity breakdown after fire:-

12 Steak and Kidney pies
 48 Chicken croquettes
 12 mini-steaks
 12 x 4oz. pigs livers
 2 gallons vanilla ice-cream
 12 apple pies, family size
 2 lbs. pork sausages
 2 lbs. Danish cod roes

MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designation were in force during the year 1969:-

<u>Special Designation</u>	<u>No. of Licences</u>
Pasteurised	13
Sterilised	2
Untreated	5
Ultra High Temperature	5

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

The 1955 Food and Drugs Act makes a distinction between 'Food & Drugs Authorities' and 'Local Authorities'; the former being responsible for offences where a person sells to the prejudice of the purchaser any food or drug which is not of the nature, or not of the substance, or not of the quality of the food or drug demanded by the purchaser; and the latter Authority being responsible for sale of food unfit for human consumption.

The County Council are the 'Food & Drugs Authority' and their Weights & Measures Inspectors have been appointed as 'Authorised Officers'. Mr. Leach (Weights & Measures Inspector) has provided the following information:-

45 informal samples were taken during the year under the Food & Drugs Act:-

- 24 samples milk
- 7 " cordials (incl. 2 ginger beers)
- 2 " butter
- 2 tins strawberries
- 2 tins cream
- 2 tins rice pudding
- 1 tin raspberries
- 1 tin condensed milk
- 1 tin semolina
- 1 jar jam
- 1 jar coffee
- 1 sample drug (Adcortyl)

All were found to comply with the statutory requirements.

Legal proceedings were instituted against one firm for selling a bottle of ginger beer which had exploded upon being opened and had resulted in a man receiving a very bruised and cut eye. Analysis revealed a secondary fermentation in the ginger beer, and the Company was fined £10 with £4.14. Od costs. This Company has been producing soft drinks for 130 years and this was their first conviction.

CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

(1) Number of Food Premises in the area by type of business:

Bakehouses	2
Butchers	13
Catering Establishments:	
Boarding Houses	-
Cafes and Teashops	5
Clubs	15
Factory and Staff Canteens	11
Fish and Chip Shops	4
Hospitals	2
Hostels	3
Hotels	4
Public Houses (total)	9
Serving meals.	3
Serving snacks	6
Residential Institutions	17
Restaurants	8
Schools, Technical Colleges etc.	12
Snack Bars	1
Chemists.	5
Confectioners	26
Corn Merchants.	2
Fish Shops (Wet and Dried).	4
General Stores.	18
Greengrocers	11
Grocers	18
Milk Depots.	3
Milk Shops	14
Wayside Stalls.	1
Wine Merchants.	9

(2) Number of Food Premises by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959:-

Sale of Ice-Cream	50
Preparation of Potted Food.	-
Preparation of Sausages.	6
Preparation of Pressed Food	-
Preparation of Pickled Food	10
Preparation of Preserved Food including Fried Fish	11
Dairies	3

(3) Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises 251

CARCASES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exc. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	-	-	37	785	1148
Number Inspected	-	-	37	785	1148
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:					
Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	163	67
Percentage of the number inspected infected with diseases other than T.B.	-	-	-	% 20.76	% 5.84
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	7	9
Percentage of the number inspected infected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	% .89	% .78

POULTRY INSPECTIONS

- (i) Number of poultry processing premises .. 16
- (ii) Number of visits to premises 214
- (iii) Total number of birds processed during
the year ..22,822
- (iv) Types of birds processed:-
- | | |
|----------|--------|
| Turkeys | 1,106 |
| Geese | 70 |
| Culls | 1,414 |
| Capons | 18,771 |
| Duckling | 872 |
- (v) Percentage rejected as unfit0.09
- (vi) 60 lbs condemned as unfit for human consumption.
- (vii) Comments on poultry processing and inspection:-

Most of the poultry processing is carried on in 9 shop premises (20,908 of total). The birds are previously hand-picked by owners and consequently very few are unfit for human consumption.

It is not practical with present legislation to ensure 100% inspection in the widely separated poultry processing establishments in this area, but agreement has been reached with the owners to notify this Department should any reasonable doubt arise as to the fitness for human consumption of the poultry being processed.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a General Inspection during the year.
Offices	3	107	5
Retail Shops	6	187	7
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	10	-
Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	1	23	1
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	10	327	13

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	1062
Retail Shops	1119
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	83
Catering Establishments open to the public	179
Canteens	24
Fuel Storage Depots.	-
TOTAL	2467
TOTAL MALES	1164
TOTAL FEMALES	1303

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The factories on the Register of the Local Authority are as follows:-

	<u>Mechanical Power</u>	<u>Non-Mechanical Power</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agricultural Engineers	1	-	1
Agricultural Seedsmen	1	-	1
Automatic Machines	1	-	1
Bakeries	2	-	2
Builders	1	1	2
Chemical Compounds	1	-	1
Civil Engineers	1	-	1
Cloth Measuring Warehouse	1	-	1
Commercial Artist	1	-	1
Coffin Makers	1	-	1
Confectionery	1	-	1
Cosmetics	2	-	2
Dyers & Cleaners	2	-	2
Electric Lamps	1	-	1
Electrical Engineers	1	-	1
Electronic Equipment	1	-	1
French Polishing	1	-	1
Joinery	7	-	7
Laundries	3	-	3
Light Engineering	16	-	16
Manufacturing Chemists	1	-	1
Mirror Silvering	1	-	1
Motor-Cycle Repairers	2	-	2
Motor Vehicle Repairers	14	-	14
Pharmaceuticals	2	-	2
Photography	1	-	1
Plastic Binder Manufacturers	1	-	1
Polythene Bag Manufacturers	1	-	1
Pottery	1	-	1
Precision Engineering	2	-	2
Printers	4	-	4
Radio & T.V. Repairers	2	1	3
Sawmills	2	-	2
Sheet Metal Manufacturers	3	-	3
Shoe Repairers	2	-	2
Signwriters	1	-	1
Slaughterhouses	1	-	1
Smithies	1	-	1
Snow Clearing Equipment	1	-	1
Soft Furnishings	3	-	3
Spectacle Frames	1	-	1
Stonemasons	2	-	2

	Mechanical Power	Non-Mechanical Power	Total
Swimming Pool Fittings	1	-	1
Tailoring	1	1	2
Toolmakers	1	-	1
Transformers & Components	1	-	1
Tyre Vulcanising	1	-	1
Upholstery	1	1	2
Warm Air Heating Equipment	2	-	2
Watch Repairers	1	-	1
Waterproofing Materials	1	-	1
Woodcrafts	3	-	3
	108	4	112

During the year 135 inspections were made under the Factories Act 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):

	No.on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	1	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	108	45	7	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	13	36	Nil	Nil
	125	82	7	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases where Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M.I.	Referred by H.M.I.	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	5	5	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	10	10	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Part VIII of the Act, Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	<u>SECTION 133</u>			<u>SECTION 134</u>		
	No. of Outworkers in August list req'd by Sec.133 (1)(c)	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel: Making etc.	14	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification.	66	25	91
Number of such properties found to be infested.	48	23	71
Number of properties found to be infested as a result of systematic survey.	15	1	16
Total number of properties infested.	63	24	87
Infestations dealt with by Council.	63	22	85
Infestations dealt with by Occupier following instructions given by Rodent Officer.	-	2	2

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year ended 31st December 1969, 2183 visits were made under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949, and of these 680 were systematic surveys.

The Rodent Officer also dealt with 56 wasps nests and 28 complaints of other pests, including moles, ants, cockroaches, flies, fleas, bees and silverfish.

Regular inspections have been made at Eden Vale and Ashurst Wood Sewage Disposal Works, the refuse tips, housing estates and other Council properties. Once again a 10% test of sewers was completed in the Spring in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' instructions, and once again the test revealed a very low level of infestation.

A nominal charge for rodent and pest destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of materials and labour. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats and mice.

The Council is prepared to enter into an annual contract to maintain business premises free from vermin.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Large items of household refuse are collected every Friday if a request is made to the Surveyor's Department, telephone number East Grinstead 23636 Ext.52. There is no charge made for this service.

Builders' or garden refuse is not collected, but this may be taken to the Council's Tip and disposed of free of charge. Further details may be obtained from the Surveyor's Department at the above number.

Trade Refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned, and a charge of 1/3d per bin on all bins in excess of one per week is made. A collection is also made of trade waste paper, cardboard, etc. again by request. Sacks are supplied by the Council to the trader and are emptied at a charge of 1/3d each, including the first sack.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping in a disused railway cutting at High Grove. Before being covered, newly tipped refuse is treated with Malathion insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tip are made to ascertain possible nuisance by rodents and flies.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS 1928 and 1936

54 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit and 114 visits were made under the Acts by the Public Health Inspectors.

LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (Tel. No.63506) are available to this department and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The laboratory is in a position to accept specimens (faeces, sputa, throat swabs, etc.) both for the diagnosis of individual cases, and for the investigation of outbreaks (detection of carriers, reservoirs of infection, mode of spread, etc.). Specimens should reach the laboratory by 4.30 p.m. on weekdays, by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, and by 11.30 a.m. on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Containers may be obtained from the laboratory or from this department, and specimens may be sent to the laboratory via the Southdown Motor Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Mondays - Fridays), and at 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays. No collections are made on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, East Grinstead, before 12.30 p.m. and will be placed on a 'bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4 p.m. collection.

The laboratory is open between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon on every day of the year, including Sundays and Public Holidays. Specimens which are so urgent that they have to be collected on those days, can be accepted at the laboratory between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Specimens which are received at the Brighton Terminus after the last daily collection has been made, are not picked up until the following day, unless prior notification is received at the laboratory that an urgent specimen is on its way which may not, or will not, arrive in Brighton in time for the normal collection. In cases of extreme urgency arising after laboratory hours, special arrangements can be made by telephoning the Director of the Public Health Laboratory (Dr. J.E. Jameson - Brighton 56960), or the Chief Technician (Mr. N.W. Emberley - Rottingdean 2070).

The following prophylactic is held at the laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners:-

Gamma Globulin.

Supplies are restricted, and it is available only by consultation with the laboratory. Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead:-

<u>Clinics</u>	<u>Days and Times</u>
<u>Infant Welfare</u>	Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
<u>Toddlers' Clinic</u>	First, second, third and fourth Tuesdays of each month 10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. By appointment with the Health Visitor.
<u>Dental Clinic</u> Mothers and Children under 5 years.	By appointment with the Dentist.
<u>Ante-Natal</u> Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes	Every Tuesday 2.15 p.m.
Cuckfield Hospital patients.	Third Wednesday each month 2.15p.m. by appointment.
<u>Immunisations and</u> <u>Vaccinations</u>	Second Wednesday each month 2.15 p.m.
<u>Child Guidance</u>	Thursdays - by appointment.
<u>Speech Therapy</u>	Every Tuesday - by appointment with the Speech Therapist.
<u>Family Planning</u>	Every Thursday at 7 p.m. by appointment.
<u>Cytology Clinic</u>	Every Wednesday morning and Second and Fourth Tuesday evenings. By appointment.
<u>MEDICAL LOAN DEPOT</u>	Mrs E.C.Draper, 46 Portland Road, East Grinstead (Tel. E.G.21984)
<u>AT QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL</u> Chest Clinic	Every Thursday 2 p.m.
<u>AT ST. DUNSTAN'S HALL, MAYPOLE ROAD, ASHURST WOOD</u>	
<u>Infant Welfare</u> Weighing Sessions only.	Fourth Wednesday every month - afternoons.

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Men: Tuesday 11 a.m. - 12 noon
Women: Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Sussex

Men: Monday 4.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Women: Tuesday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows:-

<u>Number of Ambulances</u>	...	Three
<u>Ambulance Station</u>	...	East Court, East Grinstead
<u>Telephone Number</u>	...	East Grinstead 23488
<u>Area Served</u>	...	East Grinstead Forest Row Hartfield West Hoathly Worth

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex who are unfit to travel either by public transport or car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulances are now operated by the East Sussex County Council, who took them over from the British Red Cross Society in April 1966.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the ambulances, which are then disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed on calls from doctors, midwives, or hospitals, by the Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below:-

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Area Transport Officer	...	Mrs J.E. Faithful, East Court, East Grinstead.
Telephone number	...	East Grinstead 21318
Area served	...	East Grinstead Urban District Uckfield Rural District Cuckfield Rural District (Northern half)
Office Hours	...	Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 2.0 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
